

Joliet City Center Partnership

**Board of Directors
September 10, 2020
8:00 a.m. – Virtual**

Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of August Minutes

- Sue Moore
- Denise Winfrey
- Motion carried.

2. Approval of August Financials

- Denise
- Diane

3. Committee Chair Reports

- Marketing
- OMA
 - Will meet in September virtually
- Economic Development
 - Emergency Grants
 1. Megan discussed the current landscape for businesses/restaurants. The EDC proposed a grant of up to \$5,000, minus any previous emergency grant. Lauren discussed the current budget. Jen asked if there have been ways identified to reach businesses who did not apply the first time. Dave suggested Alianza as well. Jim Roofl stated it was a good use of SSA funds. Jim and Jen volunteered to walk flyers around. Jen questioned eligibility for businesses that have closed temporarily and the board agreed that any businesses that plan to reopen are eligible and the situations can be assessed on a
 - a. Diane asked for clarification on the period of eligible expenses. John suggested moving the end date that was mid-April to mid-September.
 2. Lift the cap
 - a. Denise motioned to lift the cap on allocation another \$50,000
 - b. John seconded.
 - c. Motion carried.
 3. Extend Phase II
 - a. Sue Moore
 - b. Jen Howard
 - c. Motion carried.
 4. (LAUREN – SEND THIS TO DENISE)

Name	Present	Absent
Susan Pritz-Bornhofen		X
Mike Brick	X	
Monica Cicimov		X
Valerie Devine	X	
David DiLorenzo	X	
John Greuling	X	
Diane Harris	X	
Jen Howard	X	
Bryan Kopman		X
Megan Millen (Chair)	X	
Sue Moore	X	
Ivette Núñez		X
Mayor Bob O'Dekirk	X	
Jim Roofl	X	
Jim Smith		X
Dan Stevenson	X	
Rod Tonelli		X
Denise Winfrey	X	
Jim Hock (guest)		X
Derek Conley (guest)	X	
Lauren Las (staff)	X	
Richard Fredrickson (consultant)	X	

- Megan discussed the free parking initiative that was brought the EDC to possibly use SSA funds to offset the loss in revenue. The EDC agreed that all parking was too much, but street parking could be tenable.
 1. Mayor O'Dekirk expressed support of this plan as it could increase business and therefore boost tax revenue that could make up any shortfall.
 2. John Greuling expressed support of the idea that free downtown parking is a good and strategic idea.
- Beautification
 - Megan discussed the first meeting of the Beautification Committee. Sue Bornhofen will chair this committee. The first meeting included walking around the City Center to identify small and large projects. Next steps will be to walk around nearby/comparable downtowns.

4. City Report

- Derek updated the group on the SSA & TIF fund balances, timeline for Chicago St reconstruction, and more.

5. Chair Report

- Megan mentioned one of the Beautification projects for 2020 will be relighting some holiday decorations for the winter season.

6. Adjournment

- Denise
- Dave
- Motion carried.